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## REMOVAL

**EYS,**  
THE JEWELER,

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PRICES UNTIL REMOVAL.

**EYS, THE JEWELER,**  
OWSLEY BLOCK.

## Mining in Slocan.

Seventeen Mines Are Now Being  
Worked.

KASLO IS THE ONLY TOWN

Money Plenty and Active Operations  
Will Commence as Soon  
as the Weather Permits.

KASLO, B. C., March 10.—This town is  
one of the best in any new mining camp.  
Money is plenty and the assurance that  
as soon as spring opens active operations  
on a large number of mines will take  
place gives everyone confidence.

The work that has been done on the  
mines has shown that the veins are per-  
manent, and as depth has been obtained  
their value has increased.

All winter there have been seventeen  
mines worked, sixteen of which are owned  
or under bond to Spokane parties.

At Kaslo, John M. Burke of Coeur  
d'Alene has opened a bank, and makes  
advances for the smelters of 75 per cent.  
of the value of all ore as fast as it is put  
in the warehouse.

The town of Kaslo has a population of  
1,500 people, nine-tenths of whom are  
Americans. Real estate is very lively, lots  
on the main street are selling at \$1,750 to  
\$2,000, but the real value of the lots has  
not yet been reached, as there is every as-  
surance that as soon as navigation on the  
Kootenai river is open there will be a popu-  
lation of at least 6,000 to 7,000. Everyone  
who has visited the Slocan district pre-  
dicts that there will be an immense boom,  
not only in the mines, but in real estate.

Kaslo is the best natural point that a  
mining district could have. The townsite  
company, composed of Victoria, B. C.,  
capitalists, has started a railroad from the  
heart of the mines to Kaslo, and the bonds  
of the company have been placed by  
President Hill of the Great Northern.  
In New York, as by means of this road he  
will get all the ore to haul from Bonner's  
Ferry, where it is taken from Kaslo by  
steamers on the Kootenai lake. A large  
steamer is being built at Bonner's Ferry  
to make the round trip in 24 hours. Al-  
ready there are two steamers that last  
year were sufficient to take care of the  
traffic.

The mines of the Slocan district are of  
such high grade that the question of the  
price of silver will not mean their suspen-  
sion. The average, taking all the camp,  
must be 150 to 200 ounces, with 60 per cent.  
lead, so that while the Coeur d'Alene  
mines may have to shut down, those back  
of Kaslo will be able to run full force with  
silver even at 40 cents per ounce. In Kaslo  
money is free and business good. Real  
estate in particular is a fine investment.  
In view of the fact that there is but little  
ground upon which buildings can be  
erected, and as there is sure to be a large  
influx of people, property will double in  
value in the next three months. Yesterday  
80 lots were placed on sale in Butte  
with Siemens & Gerner, 4 East Broadway,  
and it is evident that these lots will not  
be long unsold.

Only 70 lots left in the choicest part of  
Kaslo, on the main wagon road to the  
mines. Ground is perfectly level and only  
four blocks from business center. Call  
and get particulars of Siemens & Gerner,  
4 East Broadway.

## WAS IT A PUT UP JOB

A Statement Made That Sugar Planters  
Upset the Queen.

BLOUNT WILL FIND OUT

He Has Gone to Investigate—If It  
Is All Right Annexation  
Will Probably  
Follow.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Ex-Rep-  
resentative Blount of Georgia left Wash-  
ington last night for San Francisco, ac-  
companied by Ellis Miller, the confidential  
stenographer of the state department.

He is, it is confidentially asserted, bound  
for Honolulu on a secret mission, the ap-  
pointment to which required no confirma-  
tion by the senate. The selection of  
Blount for the mission indicates that  
Cleveland is not yet satisfied that Hawaii  
should be annexed to the United States,  
but has not made up his mind to oppose it.  
Blount will make a very thorough investi-  
gation of the situation, and the presi-  
dent's future action on the subject will  
probably be governed by his report as  
chairman of the foreign affairs committee.

When the matter first came before the  
public, Blount took a very conservative  
position, refusing to commit himself with-  
out further information. More than a  
year before the overthrow of the queen a  
delegation from the Hawaiian legislature  
came to this country with a public an-  
nouncement, seeking some indication from  
this country of what support the  
revolutionary party might rely on, if they  
should overthrow the old government and  
establish a provisional government, as  
has since been done. The ultimate ob-  
ject, as they then disclosed it, was to se-  
cure annexation to this country, as they  
did not hope for success in the permanent  
establishment of a new government.

Blount was among the few persons with  
whom they talked, and he then refused to  
commit himself to any such plan.

There is no doubt, since the overthrow  
of the queen, that he has had some suspi-  
cion that this government may have en-  
couraged the revolution, and might possi-  
bly be accused of having a part in the  
establishment of the new government of  
the islands, with which we are asked to  
treat. The question as to how the over-  
throw of the government came about, and  
whether the provisional government actually  
represents the popular sentiment, will, it  
is understood, be thoroughly investi-  
gated. First of all, the fact will be estab-  
lished that this government, pending the  
ratification of the treaty, giving it the  
right to do so, will not interfere in any  
way with the affairs of the islands, ex-  
cept, if need be, to defend them from for-  
eign encroachments, the idea being that  
a government, claiming to represent the  
people of the islands, must be strong  
enough to maintain itself if we are to  
treat with it. In all probability we will  
do nothing to maintain the provisional  
government against any other govern-  
ment of the people of Hawaii themselves,  
that might be or seek to be estab-  
lished. But, if it is found that the  
provisional government is really the  
chosen government of the islands, and is  
not dependent on the support of the  
United States for existence, the propo-  
sition for annexation may be favorably  
regarded, and an amended treaty may be  
sent to the senate at the next session.

However, apart from other considera-  
tions, the desirability of annexing the  
islands will be investigated as a business  
proposition. It is said that the adminis-  
tration early received information which  
is deemed reliable, that the overthrow of  
Queen Liliuokalani and the establishment  
of the provisional government was the re-  
sult of a plan formulated by the sugar  
producing element of the islands, and  
which was furthered in San Francisco. Upon  
receiving this information, the withdrawal  
of the treaty was determined upon.  
Cipher dispatches went out last night  
from both the state and navy depart-  
ments, for Honolulu, which will go  
forward, on the steamer Australia, from  
San Francisco to-day. What these dis-  
patches contain none of the officials in  
either department will say.

## THEY HAVE GIVEN UP.

The Agents of the White Star Line Ad-  
mit That the Naronic Is Lost.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The White Star  
line twin screw freighter, Naronic, has  
been out just 32 days from Liverpool,  
without being seen or heard from, and the  
agents of the line in this city admitted  
this morning that they have given her up  
as lost. "We still hope that she may be  
safe," said the local manager of the line,  
"but it does not look as if she could be  
afloat, for almost every part of the At-  
lantic is traversed by steamers or sailing  
vessels, and she would, in all probability,  
have been sighted had she been afloat. If  
it should be possible that the Naronic is  
still afloat and drifting far south, the  
crew and passengers, numbering 60 in all,  
have not suffered from want as yet, as she  
was well provisioned, and had a sufficient  
quantity of canned and fresh food in her  
stores and cargo to last three months."

## BY ARBITRATION.

It Is Probable That the Ann Arbor  
Strike Will Be Settled.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 15.—Negotiations  
have been going on all day between the  
officials of the Ann Arbor road and the  
Brotherhood officials, State Railroad  
Commissioner William Kirkby being the  
intermediary. It is announced that an  
agreement will be reached to-morrow.  
Trains on the Ann Arbor road are delayed  
by washouts, but not in consequence of  
the strike, and the connecting roads are  
all exchanging freight with it.

## Chicago Politics.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Samuel Allerton,  
the big packer, was nominated for mayor  
by the republicans this afternoon. He is  
already the nominee of the people's party.  
The democratic nominee is ex-Mayor  
Carter H. Harrison. The threatened de-  
fection of the Germans from the demo-  
cratic party adds interest to the contest,  
the Germans having been prominent in  
the movement which gave Illinois to the  
democrats at the late national election.

## THEIR WORK COMPLETED.

The National Republican League Com-  
mittee Has Adjourned.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The executive  
committee of the National Republican  
league closed a three days' session at the  
Plaza hotel this afternoon. A sub-execu-  
tive committee of the national league was  
appointed to-day and is made up as fol-  
lows: President, James S. Clarkson, ex-  
officio; James A. Blanchard, New York,  
chairman; A. B. Humphrey, New York,  
secretary; J. H. Manley, Maine; Isaac  
Trumbo, California; E. P. Allen, Michi-  
gan; J. W. Patchell, Indiana; W. E. Riley,  
Kentucky; W. W. Tracy, Illinois; John B.  
Robinson, Pennsylvania; J. P. Kelly, Wis-  
consin; H. DeB. Clay, Virginia; and Frank  
J. Cannon, Utah. This special committee  
was appointed for the following purposes:  
To make all necessary arrangements and  
to have charge of the convention at  
Louisville, Kentucky, to look  
after the league's interests in the  
New England states, particularly in the  
matter of reorganization, where it is  
deemed advisable; to make a report to the  
convention on league work.

Representatives attended the convention  
from all the important states from  
Maine to California. President Clarkson  
said: "The correspondence of the league  
shows that the blood of the party is up  
and that we are ready for the fight. The  
prospect for a large attendance at Louis-  
ville is good, and the Louisville people are  
making ready to give the visiting repub-  
licans a Kentucky welcome. Some of the  
most eminent national speakers in the  
party will attend, and it is quite prob-  
able that Chairman Carter will call a meet-  
ing of the republican national committee  
to meet at Louisville at the same time. The  
committee adjourned, subject to the call  
of the chair, and may be called to meet  
in Washington or Chicago next month."

## SOME MORE VISITORS.

The President Expresses His Appre-  
ciation of Harrison's Courtesy.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—A very dis-  
tinguished delegation was introduced to-  
day by Bancroft Davis, recorder of the  
supreme court. It was composed of four  
bishops of the Episcopal church, Rt. Revs. Paret, of Maryland; Potter, of New York; Whitaker, of Penn-  
sylvania; and Hare, of South Dakota. The  
object of the visit was to discuss with  
Cleveland the Chinese exclusion law with  
relation to its bearing on American inter-  
ests in China. They said that a strict en-  
forcement of the law would be apt to en-  
danger the property and lives of Ameri-  
cans. They told the president that they  
came to him, not as representatives of a  
church, but as citizens, and they had no  
suggestions to make but had simply come  
to confer with him, and Cleveland said in  
reply that he had to enforce this as well  
as other laws of the country.

The bishop admitted this, but suggested  
that it might be possible to mitigate, in  
some degree, the severity of the law's op-  
eration. The president told them that he  
would do what he could and the interview  
terminated.

Marshal Blandell of the District of  
Columbia, who has only recently returned  
from a trip to Indiana, whether he accom-  
panied ex-President Harrison, called upon  
President Cleveland to-day for the pur-  
pose of tendering his resignation. The  
president asked many questions about  
Harrison's homeward trip, and spoke in  
warm terms of the many courtesies which  
had been extended toward himself by his  
predecessor.

## CARLISLE'S SCHEME.

He Has a Plan for the Reorganization of  
Our Financial System.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Star says:  
Secretary Carlisle expects to have ready  
to submit some financial propositions by  
the time congress meets, which will form  
the basis of agreement between congress  
and the executive on the financial prob-  
lem. A gentleman who has talked with  
him on the subject, says that he has a  
plan pretty well outlined in his mind  
which will involve a complete reorganiza-  
tion of our financial system. It is said  
that it will include a repeal of the law  
compelling the purchase of silver by the  
government, and will provide for the de-  
ficiency in currency by providing for the  
repeal of the state bank tax and for the  
issue of currency by banks, under the  
state charters, under the general super-  
vision of the general government, security  
for the currency being provided for  
under the laws of the state requiring the  
approval of the government.

## DEPARTMENT NOTES.

Retirements and Promotions—Gains in  
Gold Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The results of  
the rifle, carbine and revolver firing of the  
army for the target year of 1892, received  
by the adjutant general, shows that Com-  
pany G, Seventh Infantry, stationed at  
Pilot Butte, Wyo., made the highest "gen-  
eral figure of merit."

Rear Admiral David B. Harbison was re-  
lieved from the command of the Asiatic  
station and ordered home some time ago.  
He applied for retirement and the request  
has been granted. Rear Admiral Irwin,  
now commandant of the Mare Island navy  
yard, has been ordered to relieve Admiral  
Harbison. Admiral Harbison's retire-  
ment will promote Commodore Weaver to  
be rear admiral.

The gain in the treasury's gold to-day  
was \$200,000.

## NEW TROTTERING RULES.

Races Will Now Be Two in Three Heats  
Instead of Three in Five.

NEW YORK, March 15.—At the joint  
meeting of trotting associations to-day, it  
was decided that the distant limit, beyond  
which a horse is declared out of a race,  
shall be made 50 yards for races in which  
not more than eight horses start, and 75  
yards for larger fields. The former dis-  
tances were 100 and 150 yards respectively.  
It was decided that licenses be granted to  
drivers, and that drivers must have a  
license to go into a race; that races consist  
of best two in three heats instead of three  
in five. After a discussion of various other  
matters, the conference adjourned to meet  
at Chicago April 4.

See the men's new spring clothing in the  
Connell Co.'s window before you make  
any purchases elsewhere. You will find  
an elegant assortment of patterned  
clothes from, at prices to suit everyone's  
pocket.

## THEY ATE THE HEARTS

A Sanginary Tale of Summary Ven-  
geance in the China Sea.

PIRATES PAY THEIR DEBT

Infuriated Villagers Shoot and  
Slash Their Piratical Enemies  
and Then Pillage the  
Junks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—The steam-  
ship City of Rio de Janeiro arrived to-day  
from Yokohama and Hong Kong. A  
Yokohama paper prints an account of the  
extermination of a band of pirates in a  
Chinese village on the 15th of January  
last. Two piratical craft ran into one of  
the numerous inlets in the vicinity of the  
city of Fan Tu, for shelter from a blinding  
snow storm, and having made all snug  
alongside the beach, some of the pirates  
landed. It so happened that some of  
them were recognized by the inhabi-  
tants of the village, who had suf-  
fered from the depredations of the  
pirates. No sooner had the  
alarm been given than the principal  
men of the village determined to wreak a  
summary vengeance on the unwelcome  
and frequent visitors. Accordingly, 300  
well armed villagers surprised the pirates,  
burst open the hatches and the doors of  
the cabins and poured a stream of bullets  
down upon 50 or 60 pirates who were huddled  
together for warmth on the lower  
decks of the junks. Hardly any resistance  
was made, all of the pirates but two  
being almost hacked into mince meat by  
the exasperated villagers.

These two pirates, escorted by the whole  
community, were led to the grave, by  
relatives of a young man who was mur-  
dered in a previous raid by the pirates,  
and, after being secured to a couple of  
stakes, the two nearest relatives of the  
dead man plunged their knives into the  
breasts of the unlucky pirates, and  
ripping open the bodies, extricated the  
hearts, which were then put on a plate  
and placed on a table, upon which, already,  
lighted candles and incense burned.  
While all this was going on the female  
relatives of the deceased, dressed in the  
mourning color of white, gathered by the  
side of the grave, crying and calling out  
to the spirit of the dead to receive the  
sacrifice that was being offered.

The offerings were left at the grave, at  
the end of the hasty ceremonies, and the  
villagers proceeded to ransack the piratical  
junks, after having first thrown the  
bodies overboard into the sea. The plunder  
from the junks, gold, silver, cash,  
silk, satin and rice, was equally divided  
among the families who had ever suffered  
at the hands of the pirates, and, as a  
finale to the last act in the tragedy, the  
junks were towed into the stream, set on  
fire and burned to the water's edge. The  
hearts of the victims sacrificed were af-  
terwards cooked and eaten by the dead  
man's relatives or those who desired to do so.

## MINNESOTA'S SCANDAL.

Senator Donnelly Exposes the Rottenness  
of the Coal Combine.

ST. PAUL, March 15.—The joint legisla-  
ture committee, for the investigation of  
the coal combine, created a sensation by  
seizing the books of John J. Rhodes, man-  
ager of the Minnesota bureau of coal  
statistics. They were guarded at the state  
capitol till this morning, when Rhodes  
sent a petition to the legislature for their  
return, claiming that they pertained to  
his personal affairs. In the house the pe-  
tition was referred to the special com-  
mittee having the investigation in  
charge, without discussion. In the  
senate the matter was antagonized  
apparently under a misapprehension,  
for all opposition was withdrawn after a  
fiery speech by Donnelly. He said that  
the committee had not yet had time to  
examine the books thoroughly, but a hurried  
look into a few of them revealed the ex-  
istence of a combine the like of which had  
not heretofore been known. It set the  
prices, and dealers venturing to deviate  
a hairbreadth were shut off from all sources  
of supply. The books showed that all  
Rhodes declared that he knew of no such  
thing as a coal combine, he had received  
thousands of dollars as fees from those  
depending on the combine, and letters  
showed that dealers who ventured to cut  
rates, even one cent per ton, had been  
shut off from all supplies of coal. More  
sensational developments are promised.

## IN HONOR OF BUTLER.

The City of Boston Holds a Memorial  
Service.

BOSTON, March 15.—Tremont Temple  
was well filled to-night by an audience,  
gathered to listen to the Gen. B. F. Butler  
memorial exercises, under the auspices  
of the City of Boston. Rev. Robert J.  
Hawley, who presided, then presented Miss  
Eleanor Sullivan, who gave an admirable  
rendering of the memorial poem, written  
by J. J. Roche. Another musical selection  
was given and then Hon. F. T. Green-  
halge was introduced and gave a care-  
fully prepared eulogy upon the deceased  
general.

## WAS SHAW MURDERED?

His Wife and the Mired Man Are Sup-  
posed to Know.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—A. W. Shaw,  
a wealthy rancher of Grant county, was  
recently found dead in the stall of a stall-  
ion in his barn, and on the testimony of  
a hired man named Gallin and Mrs. Shaw,  
a verdict of accidental death was re-  
turned. Gallin at once took Shaw's place  
at his bed and board, which led to suspi-  
cion, and a search of the barn revealed  
from blood stains Shaw had been killed in  
the barn away from the stallion's stall.  
Gallin and Mrs. Shaw are under arrest  
charged with murdering Shaw.

## THE FLOODS STAYED.

Cold Weather Stops the Michigan Rush  
of Water.

DETROIT, Mich., March 15.—The severe  
cold snap that struck the state last night  
has effectively checked, for the present at  
least, all further damage from floods.

## HOGG DIES HARD.

He Will Not Give Up the Safe  
Combinations.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A certified copy  
of the order of Judge Fullerton of the cir-  
cuit court of Oregon, removing T. Egerton  
Hogg of New York as receiver for the  
Oregon Pacific railroad, and appointing  
in his place Everett W. Hadley of Corvallis,  
Ore., was received to-day by the bond-  
holders' committee. It was served on  
Hogg at the office of the company, but he  
did not furnish the combinations to the  
safes to allow the committee to obtain  
possession of the books which they con-  
tain. He cannot be punished in New  
York state for contempt of court for re-  
fusing to obey an order of an Oregon  
court. A motion will be argued before  
Judge Ingraham, in the supreme court  
chambers, Friday, for a confirmation here  
of Judge Fullerton's order.

## DISSOLUTION OF THE REICHSTAG

The Army Bill Seems Certain to Be De-  
feated.

BERLIN, March 15.—After a series of  
conferences, representatives of the national  
liberal party offered Caprivi a com-  
promise, which increases the annual  
number of recruits by 48,000, this being an  
increase of 8,000 over their former offer.  
This is stated to be the ultimatum of the  
party, but Caprivi refused it. He still  
holds out for the full increase of 60,000  
provided for. It is now generally believed  
that the bill will be defeated at its second  
reading in the committee to-morrow. The  
discussion of the probability of the dis-  
solution of the reichstag is becoming gen-  
eral.

## STOCKHOLDERS KICK.

They Ask for the Removal of Receiver  
McLeod.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—Charles B.  
McMichael and others, representing a  
number of prominent Reading stockhold-  
ers, this afternoon addressed a communi-  
cation to President Paul of the Penn-  
sylvania Insurance company, as trustee, de-  
manding that he intervene to prevent the  
issuance of receiver's certificates which  
may have any priority to the 1 per cent.  
consolidated bonds, and to reform the  
mortgage to provide for setting aside 10  
cents on each ton of coal mined as a sink-  
ing fund for said bonds; and, further, to  
ask for the removal of McLeod as one of  
the receivers.

## POCATELLO POINTERS.

Bannock County Officials Were Sworn In  
Yesterday.

POCATELLO, Idaho, March 15.—Bannock  
county one of the lucky twins conceived  
by old Bingham, was born to-day. The  
newly appointed county commissioners  
met and swore in the new officials. They  
then adjourned until Monday, when the  
contracts for county supplies will be let.

The delegates hold their primaries for  
the nomination of councilmen to-morrow  
night. On Saturday the city will vote on  
a proposition to bond for \$10,000 for school  
purposes.

## A FAMOUS SUIT.

Compromise Entered in the Case of  
General Fank.

BOSTON, March 15.—In the case of the  
United States government against Gen.  
N. P. Banks, arising out of an inaccuracy  
in the accounts of the general's office  
while he was United States marshal, an  
offer of compromise has been made to-  
day. District Attorney Allen forwarded  
it to Washington with his approval. This,  
it is understood, will result in the with-  
drawal of the suit.

## ANOTHER RECEIVER WANTED.

The New York & New England Road to  
Follow the Reading.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 15.—On ap-  
plication of the Pennsylvania company,  
which has a large bill for coal against the  
New York & New England road, the sheriff  
this afternoon levied an attachment on  
the property of the company at the car  
shops and yards. This is looked upon as  
preliminary to an application for a re-  
ceiver.

## RUINED BY THE FIRE.

A Firm of Boston Merchants Will Have  
to Assign.

BOSTON, March 15.—Redpath Brothers'  
Manufacturing company, boots and shoes,  
who were burned out in Friday's big fire,  
are financially crippled and will assign.  
The firm lost all its books and accounts  
and the insurance will amount to much  
less than the merchandise lost. The liabil-  
ities are \$100,000. The body of Lewis  
L. Cotton, who was last seen on the roof  
of the Ludlow building in Friday's fire,  
was found in the ruins to-day.

## ANARCHISTS IN BELGIUM.

Two Frenchmen Arrested for Being  
Dynamiters.

BRUSSELS, March 15.—The police ar-  
rested two brothers named Schoup on sus-  
picion of hatching an anarchist dynamite  
plot in connection with the notorious  
French anarchist Mathieu. Two infernal  
machines and a quantity of arms were  
found in the lodgings occupied by the  
Schoup brothers. The police believe Ma-  
thieu is in Brussels engaged in contriving  
some villainous plot to be consummated  
possibly in Paris. The police are on Ma-  
thieu's track.

## A COUSIN OF THE PRESIDENT.

Miss Lucy H. Cleveland Dies at  
Alton, Illinois.

ALTON, Ill., March 15.—Miss Lucy H.  
Cleveland, a cousin of the president, died  
here last evening. Her relatives are very  
reticent and refuse to give her age or any  
of the facts concerning her death because  
they do not wish any notoriety. The  
president was immediately notified of her  
death.

## He Takes Jay's Place.

NEW YORK, March 15.—At a meeting of  
the board of directors of the Pacific Mail  
Steamship company, held to-day, Edward  
Lauterbach was elected a director, to fill  
the vacancy caused by the death of Jay  
Gould.

The carpet department at M. J. Con-  
nell's shows the most varied and complete  
stock in Montana. The variety they have  
in rugs is simply immense. Whilst one  
gets bewildered at the number of different  
designs and colors in the curtain depart-  
ment.

## IT WAS MUCH TOO THIN

The Advocate General Attacks the Evi-  
dence in the Panama Case.

DE LESSEPS DENOUNCED

Excitement and Interest in Paris  
Has Waned Since the Con-  
clusion of the Testi-  
mony—Addresses.

PARIS, March 15.—There was a small at-  
tendance at the trial of Charles De Lesseps  
and his fellow defendants to-day. Public  
interest appeared to have waned with the  
close of the testimony. The counsel re-  
sumed their addresses. Lagasse con-  
tended that the government had shrunk  
from proceedings against all of the offend-  
ers concerned in the case, and he argued  
vehemently that the scandal would not  
cease until the whole truth was revealed.  
Rousselle spoke in a similar tone. The  
advocate general delivered an earnest ad-  
dress in behalf of the prosecution. He  
maintained that the government had done  
the best it could to bring everything to  
light and denounced Charles De Lesseps  
as having used artifice to throw doubt  
among the subscribers to the Panama lot-  
tery bonds. He contended that the evi-  
dence confirmed the guilt of the defend-  
ants.

Continuing, the advocate general made  
a somewhat extended reference to Frey-  
net, Floquet and Clemenceau and their  
connection with the scandal, defending  
the course which they pursued and just-  
ifying the advice which they gave that  
Charles De Lesseps should comply with  
the demands made upon him, rather than  
become involved in a law suit with Baron  
De Reinach. The speaker then turned  
his attention to Fontane and Blondin,  
both of whom he denounced in strong  
terms. He then declared that the explana-  
tion made by Sans Leroy, that he rein-  
vested 300,000 francs of his wife's dowry  
at just the time he is charged with hav-  
ing accepted that sum from the Canal com-  
pany for changing his vote on the Panama  
lottery bonds bill, would not hold water.  
The advocate general demanded that the  
defendants' deputy, Duque de La Fau-  
connerie, and ex-Deputy Gobron should  
have the same punishment meted out to  
them as would be imposed upon Charles  
De Lesseps. The advocate general closed  
his address with a graphic description of  
the poverty, misery and general ruin  
which the Panama operations caused  
throughout France. The court then ad-  
journed.

## DIVIDING THE DEBT.

Missoula's Three Counties' Amounts—A  
Scrap Squaring in the University City.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

MISSOULA, March 15.—The commis-  
sioners of Missoula, Blaine and Ravalli  
counties met to-day in joint session with  
Gen. J. E. Marion as chairman, and C. L.  
Evans as secretary, for the purpose of  
apportioning the debt among the three  
counties. The only work accomplished  
during the day was the fixing of the val-  
uation of the bridges in Missoula county  
proper at \$20,000, and in Flathead county  
at \$1,500. It is expected that the work  
before the commissioners cannot be ac-  
complished in less than 10 days. The city  
is filled with representatives of blank  
book manufacturers anxious for a slice of  
the work necessary in their line for the  
new counties of Flathead and Ravalli, and  
it is likely that the bidding for the same  
will be warm and spirited.

Spring fights are now the regular order  
in Missoula. To-day's scrap was near to  
being serious, and was between two mem-  
bers of the colored brigade, in the course  
of which a razor, a chair, and a half  
grown revolver were brought into play,  
but without any serious damage to either  
participant. Inside of an hour after the  
scrap one of the contestants was languish-  
ing in the county jail with a fine of \$100  
and a 90-days sentence hanging over his  
head.